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## FIRST BALLOT

**Results In Nomination Of W. J. Bryan.**

**Wild Demonstration By Democrats At Denver.**

**Ollie James Seconds Nomination Of Nebraskan.**

**BIG KENTUCKIAN MAKES BIG HIT.**

William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, was named for the third time as the nominee of the Democratic party for President of the United States.

The nomination ended an all-night session of the Democratic National Convention, which was the most enthusiastic ever held.

Besides Mr. Bryan, Gov. John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, and Judge George Gray, of Delaware, were placed in nomination.

New York gave 78 votes for Bryan. Murphy cast the vote.

Great cheering greeted the announcement of New York's vote. When the roll of the delegation was called by request, Parker and Sheehan did not respond.

The vote was: Bryan, 892 1-2; Gray, 59 1-2; Johnson, 46.

The speech placing William J. Bryan in nomination awakened a whirlwind of demonstration rivaling in intensity and duration the record-breaking tribute of yesterday.

The tide of sentiment was unmistakably and overwhelmingly in favor of the Nebraska candidate, and foreshadowed his nomination before the session closed.

### Rules Suspended.

The Platform Committee was not ready to report when the evening session began, and after listening to political oratory, the rules of procedure were suspended and the convention proceeded with the speeches placing the candidates for President in nomination, with the understanding that the usual vote would be deferred until the platform had been adopted.

The speech placing William J. Bryan in nomination was made by Ignatius J. Dunn, of Nebraska, a youthful orator of fire and eloquence, whose closing phrase stirred the vast assemblage into wild demonstration.

"I nominate," he exclaimed, "as the standard bearer of our party, the man who, in the thrilling days of 1896 and 1900, bore the battle-scarred banner of Democracy with fame as untarnished as the crusaders of old—America's great commoner, Nebraska's gifted son, William Jennings Bryan."

Immediately perfect pandemonium of sound and motion was unloosed, as delegates and spectators rose en masse and joined in the reverberating chorus of tribute to the Nebraska candidate. The standards of the States were wrenched from their places and borne through the hall to the platform, while banners bearing the portrait of the commoner were waved aloft, and the multitude joined in long-continued tribute. At times the intensity of the demonstration threatened a panic. One woman was borne out fainting.

A few moments after the cheering began, an immense oil painting of Mr. Bryan was lowered from behind a monster American shield which had reposed over the chairman's desk ever since the convention began. The appearance of the picture raised the pitch of the outburst.

The delegates poured from the convention floor onto the already overcrowded stage. James Dahlgren, of Omaha, a Bryan leader, jumped to the secretary's desk and urged the throng forward. The State standards were grouped about the platform. Galleries and delegates were on their feet, waving the thousands of flags and cheering themselves hoarse. Many of the New York delegates stood and cheered with

the others, but the majority remained seated.

Only six banners were missing from the States in the parade through the aisles, after the grouping at the stage had broken into a procession. They were Maryland, Minnesota, New York, Georgia, New Jersey and Delaware.

When the noise had continued for just forty-five minutes the sergeants-at-arms began their first efforts to still the uproar and to clear the aisles. The word was given to messengers that it was desired that the parading should cease. A message was sent to the band in the gallery to cease playing, and it willingly obeyed the injunction, the players being almost exhausted by their severe work in the torrid gallery near the roof. These messages had some effect, but it was impossible for such an uproar to die away in an instant. The State standards in large measure returned to their places, and one hour after its commencement the excitement and noise were subsiding.

The roll of the States then was called for nominating speeches.

"The State of Indiana," said the clerk. John W. Kern arose and yielded the State's place to Kentucky, Representative Ollie James being sent by that State to second the nomination of Mr. Bryan. Mr. Bryan was warmly greeted.

When Mr. James was about to conclude a chorus of "noes" came from delegates all over the floor. Several motions to extend the speaker's time were offered, but he would not consent, saying he would not delay the nomination of William J. Bryan, which would be made in a few minutes. He concluded in a storm of applause.

Mr. James' striking tribute to Mr. Bryan, "Standing among the crowned heads and the great leaders of European politics, like Saul among his brethren, head and shoulders above them all," brought the convention once more to its feet in tumultuous cheering. He declared Mr. Bryan belonged to no party, to no nation, but to all humanity.

## NEW LAW FIRM FOR FRANKFORT.

**Senator William Lindsay And Judge Edelen.**

**Will Practice Together In The Future.**

**BOTH ATTORNEYS OF PROMINENCE.**

Judge T. L. Edelen and Senator William Lindsay, two of Frankfort's most distinguished lawyers, have formed a partnership and will practice law together. The partnership will take effect in the next few days, as soon as some of the details can be secured and the new firm has already had its stationery printed.

Senator Lindsay intends to stay in Kentucky where he has a handsome home in Frankfort, and he will make this his headquarters although he expects to practice in New York as he has done during the last several years and where he is still engaged as attorney in several important cases. Judge Edelen is one of the best known lawyers in Kentucky and his ability is acknowledged everywhere. He and former Governor J. Proctor Knott were associated together as attorneys before Gov. Knott was Governor, and for several years after Gov. Knott retired from the executive chair. Judge Edelen has been attorney in many of the most important cases in Kentucky and has frequently argued cases before the Supreme Court of the United States.

The new law firm will be one of the strongest in Kentucky, on account of the prominence of both men. Senator Lindsay is still vigorous and active in his profession, in spite of his years, and he will be actively engaged in all cases which the firm accepts.

### SHELBYVILLE WINS.

Shelbyville beat Lawrenceburg Friday by a score of 2 to 0, in a well-played and exciting game.

## TO GET VOTES

**Franklin County Democrats Begin Work.**

**Will Thoroughly Organize Whole County.**

**Leaders Of Both Parties Hard At Work.**

**WANT RECORD BREAKING MAJORITY.**

Democrats of Franklin county are preparing to roll up the largest majority ever given by Franklin county, at the November election, and the first steps toward that end are being taken by the Franklin county Democratic Club, with the assistance of the Young Men's Democratic Club. A meeting of the Franklin County Democratic Club was held last night, at which the nomination of William Jennings Bryan was unanimously endorsed, and the active support of the Democrats of the club was pledged to the nominees. Many of those who were present had not voted the Democratic ticket for several years, and their return to the party means that all factions are going to get together at the November election.

This county has gradually increased its majority for the Democratic ticket, but this year there is going to be a determined effort to break all records with a majority for the ticket which will be the banner vote for Kentucky. Factional fights have been waged in the past, but the sores have healed and everybody is in line for the Democratic ticket. All differences now have been forgotten and there will not be any balking when the voting is done.

A determined campaign will be waged in the whole county, and meetings will be held in every precinct where speaking will win votes for the ticket. Enthusiasm for the Democratic nominees will be awakened by the best speakers in the county, and it is probable that several orators of national fame and prominence will be secured to make speeches in Frankfort during the fall. The campaign will be opened early and waged late, and if hard work will do it, Franklin county will be found leading the other counties in the Democratic majority in proportion to the population.

Organization is to be the keynote of the campaign, and every precinct will be organized, with the strongest men at the head. Fights are won in this day by organization in the precinct, and the men who know how to perfect an organization that fights all the time will have charge of the work this year. Both sides will be represented in the organization and there will be no effort to push one side or the other to the front. Percy Haly, who knows how to get votes by organization; Ben Marshall, Judge Jas. Polsgrove, John Ray and all the county leaders will be in line for the ticket, and will be found working for success. This means a big majority for Bryan, and if every county in the State does as well as this county promises to do, Bryan will carry Kentucky by 20,000 votes.

**Mr. Bryan Pleased With The Platform.**

"Mr. Bryan said this morning: 'I am very much pleased with the platform. It is clear, specific and strong, and I am grateful to the committee for the work that they have done in stating the issues. I am sure that the platform will greatly strengthen us in the fight upon which we are entering.'"

## Bryan Hears Cheers Over The Telephone.

**HOME CONNECTED WITH CONVENTION HALL AND HE HEARS THEM YELL.**

W. J. Bryan, in the midst of his family and one or two close friends, listened by telephone to the wild demonstration which interrupted the speech of L. J. Dunn, nominating him as the Democratic candidate for President. He heard the voice of Sergeant-at-Arms Martin, the music of bands and voices raised in song. By the magic of electricity and refined acoustics he was a part of the convention.

## Permanent Headquarters May Be Established.

**DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE WILL BE CALLED TO MEET PROBABLY ON JULY 25.**

Henry R. Prewitt, of Mt. Sterling, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, has announced that he would shortly issue a call for a meeting of the committee to be held in Louisville. He said he had not fully determined on the date, but said it would likely be held on July 25. This will be the first meeting of the new committee since the recent Democratic State Convention at Lexington, and matters of much importance to the Democratic party in the State will be transacted.

The question of a secretary will be acted upon, and also the question of opening permanent headquarters of the committee to be maintained until after the election in the fall, and it is also likely that it will be decided by the committee to open permanent headquarters to be maintained the year round, and if such a plan is decided upon, Louisville will likely be the permanent headquarters. George Speer, of Lawrenceburg, is tipped as secretary of the committee, and it is said he has enough pledged votes to insure his election on the first ballot, although a like claim is made by Robert Phillips, of Elizabethtown, who is also a candidate.

## Capitol Commission Receives Many Bids.

Bids on the construction of the power house lighting and heating plants, water works and terracing at the new capitol were opened Friday at noon by the Capitol Commission. A sub-committee was appointed to go over the bids and compute them, so that all can be placed on the same footing, and in this way a correct idea can be gained as to which is the best. There are some fifteen bidders, but only two bidders on the contracts as a whole. The committee which is looking over the bids will not be ready to report for several days, and it will probably be the middle of next week before the contracts are awarded.

Many bidders were on hand when the time came to open the bids, and much interest was shown among the representatives of the various concerns here. The bids were opened in the Governor's office, and the full commission was present. The bids were found to be in all sorts of shape. Some bids were only for excavation, and others only for brick work, so that it is impossible now to tell who is the lowest and best bidder.

## Will Talk Of How To Handle Convicts.

Gov. Willson has named as delegates to the American Prison Congress, which will meet in Richmond, Va., on November 14, the three Prison Commissioners, Harvey S. McCutchen, Eli H. Brown and Finley E. Fogg; the two wardens of the penitentiaries, Col. E. E. Mudd, of Frankfort, and W. T. Hagerman, of Eddyville; E. H. Doak, superintendent of the School of Reform, and Herman Monroe, jailer of Jefferson county. The conference is held so that those who handle criminals and have charge of prisons can talk over the best way to deal with the convicts.

## PAY REFUSED

**Governor Refuses To Approve Morris' Claim**

**For Salary As Agent Of State At Jamestown.**

**Says Appropriation Was Without Authority.**

**ALL FORMER VOUCHERS ACCEPTED.**

Giving as his reason that the State Board of Agriculture had no right to make the appropriation, Gov. Willson has held up a claim for \$100 in favor of Joe Morris, who had charge of Kentucky's exhibit at the Jamestown exposition and Mr. Morris will have to sue to recover his last month's salary. The salary for the previous months was paid Mr. Morris when Gov. Beckham was in the executive chair, but Gov. Willson has refused to acknowledge the debt and will not approve Mr. Morris' voucher.

When the Legislature failed to make an appropriation for the Jamestown Exposition, the State Board of Agriculture decided that, under the act creating the board, which was also a Board of Forestry and Immigration, money could be spent by the board to advertise Kentucky's resources. The board, by resolution, voted \$1,000 to aid the movement for a Kentucky building at Jamestown and for a display in the building of Kentucky's natural resources. The plan met with general approval and it was a popular move, the people believing that Kentucky should have its advantages shown to the world. The exhibits were gathered together and sent to the exposition and it was found necessary to employ some one to help gather the exhibits as well as to take charge of them at Jamestown. Mr. Morris was employed for this purpose, and was allowed \$100 a which included his expenses.

The salary was paid without question when Mr. Beckham was Governor and Hubert Vreeland was Commissioner of Agriculture. An opinion was given by Judge T. L. Edelen in which it was held that the board had authority to make such appropriation under the Forestry and Immigration Act. This opinion was accepted without question and the claims were allowed each month and promptly paid. The last claim was presented after Gov. Willson was sworn in and he held it up for further investigation, asking that Mr. Vreeland write him in detail about the appropriation and Mr. Morris' employment. This was done and the opinion of Judge Edelen was shown to the Governor. He held up the claim until Friday, when he told Mr. Morris that he would refuse to approve the claim and it could not be paid. The Governor said that the law did not allow the money to be used in that way and it had been paid without authority. He refused to accept Judge Edelen's opinion, saying that he placed a different construction on the law. For this reason he declined to approve the claim and if Mr. Morris wants his money he will have to sue to get it.

## Water Sells For Quarter A Glass At Denver

The heat in the hall and the thick dust stirred during the Bryan demonstration at the Denver convention, and the dense clouds of flash powder caused intense thirst to nearly every one in the great hall, and water was in great demand, selling early in the night at 5 cents a glass, but at 11 o'clock it was selling at two small glasses for 25 cents, says a dispatch. Several small boys busied themselves in supplying the demand, and reaped a harvest of profit.

Denver, Colo., July 10, 4:10 P. M. (Western Time)—(Special)—John W. Kern, of Indiana, is to be Bryan's running mate. He was nominated by the Democrats at Denver in convention assembled, by acclamation, this afternoon, after several candidates had been put in nomination. These candidates were all withdrawn at the last, and the convention gave the Vice Presidential candidate an ovation.

Several candidates were placed in nomination for the Vice Presidency. Gov. Thomas, of Colorado, placed in nomination Charles A. Towne, and the name of Clark Howell, of Georgia, was also presented.

Charles A. Towne withdrew his name from the convention, and spoke for Kern, of Indiana. Hill, of Georgia, withdrew the name of Howells, and seconded the nomination of Kern.

This started the ball to rolling, and in a few minutes Kern was nominated by acclamation.

## BIG CONTRACT FOR FORD & JOHNSON CO.

**Will Supply Senate Office Building With Furniture.**

**Prepared To Bid On Kentucky's New Capitol.**

**JOSEPH R. NEWTON IN FRANKFORT.**

The Ford & Johnson Company, which is closely identified with Frankfort, and which has a large plant here, has just secured the contract for supplying the furniture for the new Senate office building, in Washington. The contract will amount to about \$100,000, and will be awarded next week to the Ford & Johnson Company. The bids were opened in Washington on Wednesday, and the company was the lowest bidder of the many who entered the competition.

All the furniture which will be used will be of solid mahogany, and the tables, desks and chairs will all be of the handiwork. The desks will cost about \$250 each, and each Senator will have a settee ten feet long, handsomely finished and luxurious. The Senate office building will contain a suite of three rooms for each Senator. This will include a bathroom and the furnishings will be elaborate and expensive designs which they submitted to the committee in charge of the letting of the contracts.

The Ford & Johnson Company is preparing to bid on the furniture for Kentucky's new capitol, the contract for which will amount to about \$100,000. It is probable that the company will submit designs for furniture as they did at Washington, so that the Capitol Commission can tell how to estimate the cost and the kind of furniture which is wanted.

Joseph R. Newton, who was a resident of Frankfort, but who is now sales manager for the Ford & Johnson Company, with headquarters at Chicago, was here Friday in the interests of the company, and also to see his new son, who is just three days old. Mr. Newton said his company had won the big contract in fair competition, and was ready to bid on the furniture for the capitol here. He returned to Chicago Friday night.

## Historic Spade For Commissioner Rankin.

Shining like a new dollar and glorified with ribbons and tassels, the spade used by M. C. Rankin, Commissioner of Agriculture to break the ground for the first buildings on the Kentucky State Fair site, has been delivered to Secretary J. W. Newman, of the State Fair Board, and will be presented to Commissioner Rankin with appropriate ceremonies within the next few days.

The spade has been highly polished and nicked.